Greetings to all!

I want to begin with my deepest appreciation to all of you for welcoming me to Community UU Church. I appreciate each one of you for reaching out to me – for introducing yourself, for sharing your passion for Community, for expressing your hopes for our Religious Education program. So much is going on at Community that it may take some time to figure it all out. However, while I continue to learn about you, I am already amazed at the perseverance and dedication you all bring to this journey, which is full of storms, lightnings and maybe even a tornado or two.

I would like to share a piece of my own journey with you and I will start from the beginning. I was approximately eight years old when I had my first memorable theological debate. When I was growing up, Latvia was under the USSR occupation, which means religious expressions were prohibited and even persecuted. My maternal grandmother, born long before the occupation, on occasion mentioned God. So I began a debate with her about the existence of God. I was using the argument that I had heard at school, mainly, God does not exist because the astronauts have traveled all around the space and have found no God there. While my grandmother was not convinced by this, the conversation left an impression on my spiritual journey, shaping my ongoing quest for truth and meaning.

My theological perspective has evolved and my continuous exploration of faith and religious aspects has brought me here, with you, for this summer. My focus at this time is on coordinating the children and youth summer RE program. And- it promises to be a busy summer! We will engage theological exploration with our K – 7 grade class. Several of our youth will be going to General Assembly, known as GA. Later in the month our Coming of Age youth will leave for the Boston heritage trip. These are just a few highlights of our everyday work with children and youth where we seek to provide them opportunities to explore UU faith and develop a UU identity as people who uphold the inherent worth and dignity of each person. **If you would like to help with either children and youth RE or adult RE programming, please let me know. My email is dre.cuuc@gmail.com. I am looking forward to journeying with you this summer.**

Your Consulting DRE- Aija Duelm
From front page Sunday Services.

**June 2 - Guest Speaker - Kiya Heartwood.** Liturgist/Musician/Community Leader/maker-of-good-things-in-the-world returns to CUUC for a service filled with insight, wit, and music.

**June 9 - Guest Speaker - Kevin Yard, PE, BCEE.** In our lifetimes, there has never been anything that approaches the threat to our planet that Global Climate Change (GCC) represents. By increasing our awareness of GCC and associated remedies, collectively, we can make a difference in the fate of the planet for our children and children’s children.

**June 30 - Guest Speaker - Lee Stark, MA, LBSW.** He will talk about the wellness services for older adults in Collin County based at the Plano Senior Center.

Our Share The Plate offering for June goes to the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas.

Human Rights Initiative provides free legal services to people who have suffered human rights abuses. They represent immigrants who have been victims of violence because of their religious or political beliefs and apply for asylum in the United States. HRI also handles matters under the Violence Against Women Act and helps immigrant children who are victims of violent crimes, neglect, abuse or abandonment, and human trafficking victims. In addition, HRI provides a range of social services including community referrals to appropriate area service providers, job search assistance, workshops and group activities, and individual guidance. Provision of services is limited to clients living in the North Texas area. Considering the current state of immigration affairs in our country, let’s help support those folks on the front lines! **Share the Plate will be Sunday, June 30.**

You will remember that Bill Holston, the HRI Director, has been a guest speaker with us many times, and and we will welcome him back for the first service in July.

May Board of Trustee Highlights

Rev. Dr. Aija Duelm, the new contract DRE, introduced herself to the Board.

The Board discussed issues affecting the RE program in public discussion and in executive session.

The Board explored ways to assist the CoA youth financially.

Members of the Board will meet with a potential part time Minister on Sunday, May 19th.

Facilities presented the progress on the roof leaks, the new electronic sign and the improved security measures.

The Board approved a renewed search for a Membership Coordinator.
President’s Column

For our Community UU congregation, June always marks new beginnings. This past year has seen many changes, and the coming year promises to be one of changes, too. I am humbled by the trust you have placed in asking me to serve as your President.

This past Sunday, at our annual Flower Communion, I was reminded again of the importance of our Church for myself, our members and the larger community in which we are located. Our Unitarian Universalist message is so needed in today’s world. To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in freedom and to help one another is our Church covenant. I see it as the model for living that can bring peace and healing to our troubled world.

As we start this new Church year, I look forward to the challenges and the opportunity we face as we find a new Minister and a new Membership Coordinator who will help guide us as we grow individually and as a community. As I step into the role of President for the coming year, I’m looking forward to seeing our congregation thrive.

President - Kimberly Schramm

Outgoing President

This is my last column as President. It has been such a pleasure to serve in this office for the last two years. Starting in June, I will be Past President for the next year. The very capable Kimberly Schramm will be President for the next two years.

This has been a time of change for our congregation. We have been almost a year without a minister or DRE. A DRE will be starting soon and the Board is in conversation with a candidate for consulting minister.

Thanks to everyone who has worked hard to make our church successful. Thanks to the Worship Team for pulling together and making this year an inspiring and productive one. Thanks to the RE Board, all the teachers and advisors for their hard work to continue our excellent program for children and youth. Thanks to the Board of Trustees for their dedication to duty and excellence. Thanks also to Connie Meints, our Church Secretary, who has kept me on track and informed.

A very special thanks to all of you, the members and friends of this church. I want to remind you that the church is not the Minister, or the DRE, or the Board of Trustees. The church is the people. You are the church. You are the community in Community UU Church.

My vision for Community UU’s future is one of growing abundance for our church. I envision an outreach program that will make us the center of liberal religion and social justice in Collin county. I envision a church home that welcomes all people where they are and offers them spiritual nourishment, intellectual stimulation and a place to belong. I envision a new generation, mindful of the past, but willing to make the changes necessary to attract vibrant and energetic members. The Unitarian Universalist movement and Community UU Church should be a part of the future of North Texas. Let’s make it so!

Past President - Blessings, Sarah
Simple Living Chalice Circle
The next meeting will be Saturday morning June 8 at 11am.
Theme/topic – Learning together to live deliberately.
Facilitator Ona Tannehill at Email simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org.

Women’s Fellowship Breakfast.
To all the women of the Church:
We’re having a fellowship breakfast gathering of all the women of the Church on Saturday, June 15 at Poor Richard’s Café, 2442 K Ave. in Plano, starting at 8:30-9am and ending around 9:30-10am. Come join us for a morning of good food and fellowship to meet other women in the church. For more information, questions and to RSVP, contact Vicki Verinder at membcom-chair@communityuuchurch.org.

Literary Ladies Book Club
Upcoming Meeting. Women members and friends of Community UU Church are welcome to join us on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 – 9pm.
Date: June 18
Location: Janice Hildenbrand’s home. Contact Janice by June 14 if you plan to attend.

Selection: June 18 Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward. “The heart of Jesmyn Ward’s Sing, Unburied, Sing is story—the yearning for a narrative to help us understand ourselves, the pain of the gaps we’ll never fill, the truths that are failed by words and must be translated through ritual and song...Ward’s writing throbs with life, grief, and love, and this book is the kind that makes you ache to return to it.” — Buzzfeed

In Jesmyn Ward’s first novel since her National Book Award–winning Salvage the Bones, this singular American writer brings the archetypal road novel into rural twenty-first-century America. An intimate portrait of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle, Sing, Unburied, Sing journeys through Mississippi’s past and present, examining the ugly truths at the heart of the American story and the power—and limitations—of family bonds.

The Men’s Fellowship Breakfast is Saturday, June 15, 8:30am at Poor Richards Café, 2442 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. If you plan to attend, please let Tom Bieg know by 6pm Friday, June 14. Send email to tombieg75@gmail.com.

Deadline for the June newsletter is Friday, June 21.
Email articles to newsletter@communityuuchurch.org.

Hola Amigos! Please join us at the Women’s Alliance sponsored pot luck dinner on Saturday June 22 at 6:30pm. The theme is Mexican/American food so bring your favorite dish to share. Spouses, partners, guests welcome but adults only please.

Hope to see you there!
Social Action News

What’s New in the Community Garden? Community Harvest Garden has been blessed with donations! Mary Jennings’ Religious Education class students, Talia, Gwynn, and Clara, started seeds for us. One sunny May morning, the plants found a home in Kimberly Schramm’s plot 20: pumpkin, leek, pea, zinnia, and tomato.

Fourth and fifth grade Girl Scouts helped with weeding and planted gifts of 29 okra plants. You’ll be notified when open season starts on free pick-your-own fresh 3-4” okra after Sunday services or anytime you’re in the vicinity! Bring your own bag. We will have bushels-full!!!

Thanks to Steve Mallory, we have been matched with an Eagle Scout candidate who is using discarded house windows to create two cold frames for gardeners to use in starting early seedlings spring 2020.

Come out to the gardens after service to enjoy our blooming native plants, butterflies, toads, and healthy produce. Bring a pair of scissors along and clip some fresh herbs (two east side gardens) to use for Sunday dinner.

We currently have one planted plot up for adoption. Contact Deb Bliss at harvest@communityuuchurch.org for more information.

Crafty UUs Fellowship Night

A new group has begun meeting at the Church, Crafty UUs Fellowship Night. We meet in Founders Hall the first and third Tuesday evenings of every month from 6 – 9pm, our next get together will be Tuesday, June 4 and 18. This is an outreach activity, open to members and nonmembers alike. Friends are always welcome. Bring your current project, a snack to share and perhaps, a friend for unstructured and chatty fellowship. For more information, please contact Katey Eubanks at katey.communityuu@gmail.com or join us on Facebook@craftyUUs.

Memory Garden Bricks

Time to order your personalized brick(s) for the Memory Garden. Each brick is engraved to your specifications and installed in the west path of the garden. The cost per brick is still just $65.00. See Linda Frank for order forms and more information.

UBarU Camping Season

Our UBarU Youth summer camp ONLINE registration is open for Age-tiered week-long camps. http://ubaru.org/home/Summercamp. Registration for these camps will close at Tuesday 11:59pm before the Sunday the camp starts.

June 9 – 15 Beginner Camp rising grades 4 thru 6th grades or 9-11 years old
June 16 – 22 Intermediate Camp rising grades 7 – 9th graders or 12 -14 year old
June 23 – 29 Senior/Reeb Camp rising grade 10 thru 2019 high-school grads.

Also available
Youth Astronomy Camp (ages 11 -14) July 28 to August 3
Family Camp May 24 - 27
**Adult Religious Education Classes**

The Mission of the **Adult Religious Education Program** is to nurture and stimulate the religious and personal growth of the adult church community. We offer a varied and cohesive program within the context of the living Unitarian Universalist tradition and principles. **The church website has been updated with the latest classes and class descriptions - check it out at [www.CommunityUUChurch.org](http://www.CommunityUUChurch.org) under Adult Religious Education.** CHILDCARE is available for all classes, upon request. To reserve childcare call the church office (972-424-8989) at least 48 hours in advance.

**Tuesday**

**Tibetan Buddhism – 7pm – in the sanctuary. Meditation and Mind Training.** Please join us for guided meditation and a skillful approach to developing mental peace and clarity. **Facilitated by the Ven. Tashi Nyima.**

**Thursday**

**Humanist Group – New Direction meets at 6pm in Room G.** The Humanist Group continues to meet prior to The Meaning of Life: Perspectives from the World’s Great Intellectual Tradition class led by Rev. Don Fielding. Each week different group members plan the discussion on a Humanist-oriented topic which helps us learn more about Humanism, its history, its relationship to UU ism, and its applications to our lives and spiritual-personal development. **June topics: TBD.**

Exploring the Roots of Religion in Room G at 7pm. Facilitator Don Fielding. Big History: The Big Bang, Life on Earth and the Rise of Humanity. **June topics:** June 6 - BREAK; June 13 - The Origins of Agriculture; June 20 - The First Agrarian Societies; June 27 - Power and Its Origins

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**NTUUC co-sponsored conference, Moving into Prison Ministry: An introduction to the prison industrial complex. This will be presented June 8, 2019 at Horizon UU Church, Carrollton, TX. For more information go to worthynow.org/classes-events OR facebook.com/urworthynow. Co-hosted by North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations.**
Finance Report by Cindy Hadden Treasurer

The April financial summary for our operating accounts is listed below. The cumulative Net Income gap is $44.8K above budget. One unavoidable item of note is a $1K bill for the removal of trees downed by the storm. We are also celebrating the start of our new CDRE. For our finances this has a minimal impact, as we had budgeted for a DRE all year long. It means we will not be as likely to add to our surplus next month. We did discover that a couple of pledges are not being paid as promised, and the stewardship committee will be reaching out to those people. If everyone catches up before the end of May, we might still have a very beneficial last month. Also, the investment funds have been adjusted to reflect reality, there were no substantial changes to the operating accounts, almost all adjustments were internal.

Looking Forward: We did what we set out to do. We made some difficult decisions last year, but they were made to position ourselves in a much better financial place, and I am here to tell you that we most certainly have succeeded. Are you ready to start the new year?

INCOME & EXPENSE April, 2019

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FREE MONEY!

Kroger:  NOTE: It’s time to renew you Kroger Community Rewards - just follow this link: https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards
Amazon.com: Use this link for purchases: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1787256
The church will get a portion of all purchase amounts!

Upcoming Share the Plate Offerings

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If you forget your checkbook on a Share the Plate Sunday, remember you can always donate on line.

April Share the Plate netted $264 for the Service Project this summer.. Thank you!
For our June 2019 calendar, go to our website at:
CommunityUUCchurch.org

Events listed on the calendar are subject to change. For more information and confirmation of these events, please visit the church calendar at http://www.communityuucchurch.org/pages/calendar.
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UUA Southern Region: www.uua.org/southern

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Tuesday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Wednesday: 9 am to 2:30 pm  
Thursday: 9 am to 2:30 pm  
Friday: 9 am to Noon  
Office Phone: # 972-424-8989

Consulting DRE - Aija Duelm. Email dre.cuuc@gmail.com, phone 817-420-0935 to schedule a meeting. Please limit calls or texts between 8am – 8pm. Friday is her day off.

Bookkeeper John Elder Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30am - 2:30pm  
other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Connie Meints.  
Tuesday 9am to 3pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 2:30pm.  
Friday 9am to noon.

Music Director Christopher Wolff

The Community News

The Community News is distributed to Members and Friends of this church. Visitors who complete a visitor card receive issues for three months. To continue receiving issues, sign the “Welcome Back” book on each visit. Others may subscribe for an annual donation of $25.00.

The editor encourages and appreciates submissions and on-time submissions are especially delightful. The Community News is published once a month.

Email articles to newsletter@CommunityUUChurch.org

Please include your name on any news item submitted for The Community News. Items may be edited for clarity and brevity.